European Union to Mediate in Solving Kashmir Problem

4788. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH: SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2760 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmiri militant leader, Shabir Shah, recently pleaded European Union to mediate in solving the Kashmir problem; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Shabir Shah was in Delhi during 2nd half of March 1995. According to available information, during his meetings with ambassadors of France, Spain, Germany and representative of European Union he requested E.U. to play a mediatory role in solving Kashmir problem.

(b) The effort of the Government of India is to resolve all outstanding issues by peaceful bilateral dialogue in the spirit of the Shimla Agreement of 1972.

Agitation by Residents of Leh

4789. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of hilly district of Leh have been agitating and observing Bandhs for a long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof with background thereof;

(c) whether the people of Leh district belong to Scheduled Tribe category;

(d) whether Government propose to take some action to end the state of agitations and Bandhs in Leh; and;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a), (b), (d) & (e) (b) The people of Ladakh have been agitating for sometime for the establishment of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Council. Following a series of discussions at the Government of India level with representatives of State Government of Jammu & Kashmir and the Ladakh region on this matter, the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has sent a proposal for legislation to constitute such a Council. The proposal is under the active consideration of Government.

(c) The people of Leh mainly belong to Scheduled Tribe category.

Land Occupied by JDA

4790. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the area, location and the present position of the land legally owned by private individuals which has been forcefully trespassed and occupied by the Jammu Development Authority in an illegal manner in violation of the orders issued by the Jammu Development Authority itself vide No. J.D.A./Teh/ Rev./696.97 dated 3.11.90;

(b) the justification thereof;

(c) the area, location and the present position of the land lawfully belonging to private individuals which has been illegally trespassed and occupied by the Jammu Development Authority flouting the court orders and the written statements submitted in the court; and

(d) the action taken by Government against the officers responsible therefor and to give the possession of land to the lawful owners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.